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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.99, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 31, 2003, Applicant hereby calls the following to the Examiner's attention.

The following documents were cited in a Search Report conducted in European Patent Application No. 03 02 1428, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. In particular, the European Examiner cited:

- (1) US 5,506,026 A, (IWATA ET AL), issued April 9, 1996, as a document category A, relevant to claims 1, 2, 9 and 10, with regard to column 4, lines 28-67, column 7, lines 53-63, and table 3. Moreover, US 5,736,218 is cited as a family member of US 5,506,026 A.

- (2) US 3,639,200 A, (ARMIN ELMENDORF ET AL), issued February 1, 1972, as a document category A, relevant to claims 1, 2, 9 and 10, with regard to column 4, line 60 through column 5, claim 1, and figure 1;
- (3) US 5,591,289 A, (SOUDERS ET AL), issued January 7, 1997, as a document category A, relevant to claims 1, 2, 9 and 10, with regard to column 5, lines 50-61, claim 1, and figures 5 and 6;
- (4) US 4,175,150 A, (CLARKE, JOHN T ET AL), issued November 20, 1979, as a document category A, relevant to claims 1, 2, 9 and 10, with regard to column 11, lines 45-47 and claim 1. Moreover, US 4,283,450, US 4,175,105, US 4,175,148 and US 4,175,149 are cited as family members of US 4,175,150 A.
- (5) EP 1 413 695 A, (KRONOTEC AG), issued April 28, 2004, as a document category E, relevant to claim 10 with regard to the entire document;

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Moreover, copies of the copies of the International Search Report and cited non-U.S. patent documents are being submitted herewith.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the materials cited and indicate such consideration by appropriately initialing the enclosed PTO-1449 Form and including a copy of the initialed form in the next official communication.

Applicant notes that while this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months from the filing date, Applicant has not received a first action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed document is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3).

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However, if the first action on the merit has been mailed prior to the filing date of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees necessary to ensure consideration of the documents cited herein to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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